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FOR AMBASSADOR EYES ONLY FROM SECRETARY

REF: TEL AVIV 4863

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU BY SEPTTEL CAIRO 7171 WHICH WILL GIVE YOU DETAILS OF EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPOSAL TO ISRAELI MAP OF JULY 18 WHICH EILTS CARRED BACK TO CAIRO AND GAVE TO SADAT JULY 20. THIS IS THE MAP I ASKED DINITZ TO HAVE THE ISRAELIS SHOW YOU. WHILE MANY ELEMENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN COUNTERPROPSAL ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL, IT IS A SERIOUS POSITION.

2. DINITZ CONVEYED THE ISRAELI RESPONSE ON JULY 25. ITS MAIN ELEMENTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE ISRAELIS HAVE MOVED THEIR LINE EASTWARD SLIGHTLY AT TWO POINTS NORTH OF THE PASSES, AND IN THE ACCESS CORRIDOR LEADING TO THE OIL FIELDS THEY HAVE DESIGNATED THE HAMAM FARAUN SECTOR WHERE THEIR EARLY WARNING STATION REMAINS AS A UN ZONE WITHOUT EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION. THEIR LINE REMAINS UNCHANGED IN THE AREA OF THE PASSES AND IN THE AREA RUNNING SOUTH FROM THE PASSES TO THE ACCESS CORRIDOR.

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B. THEY CONTINUE TO INSIST ON THE AMERICAN PRESENCE AT

THE SIX WARNING STATIONS IN THE AREA OF THE PASSES.

C. THEY ARE WILLING TO ALLOW THE ONE EGYPTIAN WARNING STATION IN THE UN ZONE AS A COUNTERPART TO THEIR STATION AT UM KISHAIB, BUT THEY REJECT THE IDEA OF ANY OTHER EGYPTIAN PRESENCE IN THE UN ZONE.

D. THEY INSIST THAT THE EGYPTIAN FORWARD LINE NOT GO BEYOND THE EASTERN BORDER OF THE PRESENT UN ZONE.

E. THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL FOR ALTERNATE ROADS IN THE ACCESS CORRIDOR AT THOSE POINTS WHERE THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI ROADS WOULD RUN SIDE BY SIDE. THEY CONTINUE TO SUGGEST A TECHNICAL SURVEY WITH U.S. PARTICIPATION.

3. I SAW EILTS IN BONN JULY 26-27 TO CONVEY THE ISRAELI POSITION. BECAUSE SADAT IS IN KAMPALA, EILTS WILL NOT SEE HIM UNTIL AUGUST 1 OR 2. EILTS WILL SEE ME AGAIN IN BELGRADE AUGUST 3 OR 4, SO THERE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE NEGOTIATING FRONT UNTIL THEN.

4. I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE PROTESTED STRONGLY TO DINITZ THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MAKING AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY REJECT THE LATEST EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS, THE BROADCASTING OF THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE STATEMENT BY PERES THAT THE LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS ARE A "FINAL OFFER." I HAVE SAID IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT A SITUATION IN WHICH WE ARE ASKED, ON THE ONE HAND, TO SUPPORT THEIR POSITION WITH THE EGYPTIANS WHILE THEY, ON THE OTHER, ARE PUBLICLY STRUCTURING THE DEBATE TO SHOW THE OUTCOME AS AN EGYPTIAN SURRENDER.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE REPEAT CAIRO 7171 TO TEL AVIV FOR AMBASSADOR EYES ONLY.
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